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Happy Thanksgiving!

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"The American people, from their earliest days, have observed the wise custom of acknowledging each year the bounty with which divine Providence has favored them. In the beginnings, this acknowledgment was a voluntary return of thanks by the community for the fruitfulness of the harvest. Though our mode of life has greatly changed, this custom has always survived. It has made thanksgiving day not only one of the oldest but one of the most characteristic observances of our country. On that day, in home and church, in family and in public gatherings, the whole nation has for generations paid the tribute due from grateful hearts for blessings bestowed."

- President Calvin Coolidge, Proclamation 1680 – Thanksgiving Day, 1923



This year, as we gather together with family and friends at our Thanksgiving tables to continue the "wise custom" which the Pilgrims began nearly four hundred years ago, we can continue to find overwhelming reasons for thankfulness, and pay tribute for our blessings.

On this Thanksgiving, let us also remember our servicemen and women overseas who are fighting for our freedom far from their families.

I wish you and your families' good health and prosperity in the coming year.

As always, it is an honor to serve as your elected taxpayer advocate.

Sincerely,

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